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MAIN ODESSA ESCAPE LINE SEVERED

Willkie Drops Presidential Candidacy

100,000 Nazis Are Bottled at Black Sea Port

Announces Withdrawal After Wisconsin Defeat

OMAHA, Neb., April 7 (UP).—Wendell L. Willkie withdrew tonight as a candidate for the Republican nomination for President.

Willkie announced his withdrawal as returns from the Wisconsin primary yesterday showed he did not win one pledged delegate to the Republican national convention this summer.

G.K. Smith Hails Dewey Victory

DETROIT, April 5 (UP).—Gerald L. K. Smith, leader of the "America First Party," today termed results of the Wisconsin primary "a great victory for the America First people."

'Old Guard' Plans 4th Party Here

By Max Gordon

Pursuing their "rule and ruin" policy, Social Democrats who formerly controlled the state committee of the American Labor Party last night decided to call a convention within 30 days to organize a "fourth party."

The meeting, held at the Park Central Hotel, was attended chiefly by office-holders in the International Ladies Garment Workers Union and the Hatmakers Union, and by lawyers and a handful of intellectuals prominently identified with the Social Democratic Federation.

Those invited to participate at the convention were "Old Guard" ALP groups and committees and any other "interested civic and political groups." A bid was also made to "Independent Democrats and Republicans."

The action follows their overwhelming defeat at the hands of the ALP enrolled voters in last Tuesday's primary elections for state committee.

It confirms the charges made against them in the course of the primary campaign to the effect that their sole objective in precipitating a factional fight within that party was to maintain exclusive Social Democratic control of its leadership.

Every facility was offered them before and after the primary election to remain in the ALP and to share leadership in a democratic basis with all other sections of the party.

Even after virtually every individual participating in yesterday's meeting had been defeated for election to the ALP state committee, a substantial number of them would have received posts on the new ALP state executive committee, yet to be organized, had they chosen to remain in the ALP.

A tabulation of primary results yesterday showed that the unity ticket, which opposed Dubinsky's state, polled a total state vote of 57,871 to 28,585 for the Dubinsky group. In New York City, the popular vote was 57,871 to 28,585.

The total vote in the majority contest was 70 per cent of the last year's vote.

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Eden Confirms Polish Army's Anti-Semitism

The truth will out—and it did yesterday, when Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden officially blew the lid off the Polish emigre government's kettle of anti-Semitic con-
cocting within the Polish army.

Addressing the House of Commons, Eden acknowledged the widespread anti-Semitic outbreaks in the England-stationed Polish army. He announced that transfers of Jewish soldiers and sailors to British forces had been curtailed, as the Polish armed units "will shortly be going into battle under British command."

The British Foreign Secretary's revelation came after

Thomas Driberg, an Independent M.P., informed the House of Commons that about 600 Jewish soldiers and sailors faced courts-martial for deserting Polish forces because of "persistent and widespread anti-Semitism."

Further proof of the Polish exile-government's "anti-everything-good" policies was offered last week when a Tass news-agency correspondent in London disclosed that 35 Polish soldiers, stationed with the Polish army in Scotland had left their units and arrived in London—requesting to be transferred out of the anti-Semitic Polish army.

"We don't want to fight against our country," the Tass

reporter quoted the soldiers.

According to the 35 men, there are approximately 2,500 Poles, born in the Western Ukraine and Byelo-Russia with the Polish armed forces in Britain. They are all anxious to be transferred out.

What a terrific commentary on the Polish government-in-exile when Great Britain is compelled to shelter Polish Jews who decline to fight in an anti-Semitic Polish army.

And when Poles, born in the Western Ukraine and Byelo-Russia, refuse to fight for the government-in-exile because they fear its anti-Semitic intention!

LONDON, April 5 (UP).—The Soviet Ukrainian Army, driving toward the greatest encirclement since Stalingrad, today smashed to within 14 miles of Odessa and, in a flanking drive to the northwest, cut the last direct railroad escape route for more than 100,000 Germans pinned in a narrowing salient radiating out from the Black Sea port.

Throwing the Germans pell mell back across the lower Ukrainian steppes, the Stalingrad veterans of Gen. Rodion Y. Malinovsky's army overran more than 100 towns of the Odessa front, including the rail station of Kubanka, 14 miles north of the Soviet Union's seventh city, Moscow, broadcast war bulletin announced.

Two hours earlier an Order of the Day from Premier Joseph Stalin had announced that the Third Army troops had captured the junction of Radelnaya on the Odessa-Kishinev line, thus cutting "the main roads of retreat into Rumania for the Odessa grouping of the enemy."

Latest advices from Moscow said that the Germans, who once were estimated to have 200,000 men in the lower Ukraine, had been evacuating them rapidly in fear of a Soviet trap and it was estimated in the Soviet capital that perhaps 100,000 of the enemy remained in the Odessa salient.

BOTTLENECK

Capture of Radelnaya, 38 miles northwest of Odessa, left the Germans with their backs to the Black Sea and a secondary railroad capable of handling only minor traffic as their lone escape route through a 38-mile wide bottleneck and threatening to seal it off.

In today's fighting, the Red Army swept in toward Odessa and down west of it on a 55-mile front, cutting the German salient extending out from that city to about 600 square miles.

A column which had reached to within 24 miles east of Odessa Saturday in a drive along the Black Sea from Nikolayev was revealed to have punched the Germans back nine miles since then to the town of Starye Belyars, 15 miles from Odessa.

A column pressing down from the northeast captured Anzhov Kodintsevo, 34 miles from Odessa, while forces hitting in the north took Yanovka, 35 miles above the big Black Sea port which had a pre-war population of more than 600,000.

Moscow announced new successes for other Soviet columns driving down both sides of the Dniester River toward the Bessarabian stronghold of Kishinev, 27 miles northwest of Odessa, and Tiraspol, on the severed Odessa-Kishinev railroad.

Those columns drove the Germans from more than 30 settlements, taking Sulyani, 27 miles northeast of Chisnau, and Soave Ostrovko, 24 miles northeast of Tiraspol.

For the second successive day,

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Another Argument for Roosevelt's Reelection



CIO leaders scramble for postcards that tell the President they want him to run again. Cards originated with the Committee for United Labor Party, now the state leadership of the American Labor Party. Photo was taken at a joint meeting of Operators Local 105 and Nallers Local 110 of the International Fur and Leather Workers Union at Webster Hall Tuesday. The CIO is seeking a million signatures on these "draft Roosevelt" cards.

Seamen to Fight Slash in Income

By Art Shields

Seamen's incomes have been cut \$20 a month and more on the eve of the invasion of Europe in which they will take part.

More than 100,000 men are affected. The cuts, made by the Maritime War Emergency Board, went into effect April 1, over the protests of the National Maritime Union.

"This is the first general slash in war workers' incomes," said John Hogan, chairman of the New York Port Committee of the NMU yesterday.

"It is peculiarly unjust. It comes at a time when prices are rising and shipowners' profits are high. It hits the workers who are bearing the brunt of the war danger."

The union will fight the unjust cuts, while keeping the ships sailing. It has a powerful case. The record shows that the seamen's efficiency

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Withdraw Order For Deportation Of Mrs. Browder

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, April 5. — The Board of Immigration Appeals of the Department of Justice today withdrew its warrant of deportation against Mrs. Ralusa Browder, wife of Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party.

The action makes it possible for Mrs. Browder to leave the country voluntarily and return and thereby satisfy the technical requirements. Numerous organizations and outstanding leaders had appealed in Mrs. Browder's behalf.

"The doubts heretofore entertained in this case concerning the respondent's possible membership in, or affiliation with, an organization believing in or advocating the overthrow of the government... have been dissipated by the last hearing," its announcement said.

"There is nothing but favorable comment on the respondent's character and demeanor during the years she has lived in the United States. We conclude that she should be permitted to depart from the United States at her own expense, rather than be formally deported, and granted pre-examination."

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Foster Speaks In Bronx Tonight

William Z. Foster, national chairman of the Communist Party will speak at a mass rally tonight, Thursday, at the Bronx Winter Garden, Tremont and Washington Aves., at 8 P. M. The meeting is being sponsored by the Bronx County of the Communist Party, as part of their recruiting campaign for 2,000 new members. The subject of Mr. Foster's talk will be "Labor in the 1944 Elections."

Sam Weisman, executive secretary of the Bronx County, has urged club members to bring new recruits as well as friends, shop-mates and prospective new members to the meeting. Foster will sign the application cards of new recruits who join at the meeting, as well as inducting new members into the Party.

A full program of varied entertainment, featuring a prominent radio artist has been planned for the meeting. Admission is free, and the meeting is open to the general public.

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Allies Blast Ploesti In Air Aid to Soviets

LONDON, April 5 (UP). — American heavy bombers from Italy, in their third straight day of attacks on German rail lines feeding the Soviet Front, today blasted Ploesti, Rumania, concentrating on the rail junction there and passing up for the time being the rich oil fields which are a chief fuel source for the German war machine.

With their Thunderbolt and Lightning escorts, the Liberators and Flying Fortress fought their way through swarms of German and satellite fighters and left smoke billowing 16,000 feet above the strategic city 77 miles north of Bucharest. It was the third Balkan rail target hit this week by U. S. fliers.

The announcement from Allied headquarters in Naples stressed that the rail junction and an adjacent refinery were the prime targets. The oil fields were heavily damaged by Liberators of the Middle East Command last August.

HEAVY ENEMY FLAK The American raiders encountered intense anti-aircraft fire, but returning crewmen said their bombs hit home and caused "severe damage" among oil tank cars concentrated in the Ploesti junction of lines leading to the Germans' crumbling Eastern Front 200 miles northeast.

Other Italy-based heavyweights turned off on the way to Ploesti to attack rail installations at Nik, important junction in east central Yugoslavia on the Belgrade-Sofia railway.

The attack followed in trip-hammer succession other 15th Air Force blows at German rail communications this week which smashed Budapest, capital of Hungary, on Monday and the Rumanian capital and rail junction of Bucharest yesterday.

Although the Germans threw their own fighters as well as Rumanian and Bulgarian planes against the Ploesti raiders, according to the German radio, there was an almost complete lack of opposition to American fighter sweeps across the Reich proper today.

American fighters from British bases, freed from the responsibility of shepherding bombers, ranged up and down German skies in a fruitless search for combat with the Luftwaffe.

Yesterdays' snowstorm was a record-breaker for April 5—as you may have guessed. However, if it blew cold wind on your thoughts of Spring's warm, sunny days—be consoled, it could have been worse. For instance, 10 inches of snow fell on April 3 and 4 in the year 1915, establishing an all-time record for April.

Anyway, snow in April is not unusual, the weather man says, and predicted the whole show would be over by midnight.

Meanwhile, though yesterday's storm started off under showery conditions, it caught its second wind by late afternoon large white flakes swirling down to blanket the city, perhaps for the last time, we hope. By 4 o'clock there was six inches of snow in Central Park, 8 inches in Parkchester in the Bronx and only 2 1/2 inches at the Battery. The fall varied greatly throughout the city.

Soviet Journal Raps N. Y. Judge's Ruling

MOSCOW, April 5 (ICN).—The role of the USSR in the great liberation struggle against Hitler Germany," declared the periodical "Facts in the Case are:

Early in March 1944, a New York Court considered the estate of an American citizen, Alexandrov, who died in the United States. Judge Folley refused the inheritance to two Soviet citizens basing himself on the 1939 law.

"And now this law," explains "War and the Working Class," "justly directed against fascist robbers, the accused enemies of democracy, a judge has decided to apply to an estate inherited by Soviet citizens. He dared to assert that he has no guarantee that Alexandrov's heirs would really receive the inheritance due them. Hence the judge's decision draws a sign of equality between citizens of an enemy state against which the 1939 law was adopted and the citizens of the Soviet Union!"

"War and the Working Class" expressed the hope that in reconsideration of the case competent American judicial institutions would reverse the biased decision.

That this law should now be used against the Soviet Union is an indication that the judge was guided by "hatred of the Soviet Union or lack of understanding of

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Chaplin Verdict Jolts Press Axis; Robeson, Ferrer Hail Acquittal

By David Platt

The acquittal of Charles Chaplin by a Federal Court jury is a great victory for the people. The entire country applauds the verdict.

Paul Robeson, one of America's great artists, expressed the feelings of the overwhelming majority of the people in a statement to the Daily Worker in which he said:

"I am very glad that Charles Chaplin has been acquitted. This whole campaign against him seemed to me to have overtones of persecution other than the facts stated in the case. I am very glad that an American jury acquitted him. I hope he will be freed of all the other charges as well. Knowing the West as I do, it seems to me that Chaplin has been put on the spot for reasons familiar to all liberal citizens. I think that members of the pro-

fession and liberal citizens throughout the country should be solidly behind Chaplin."

Jose Ferrer, who plays "Iago" to Robeson's "Othello," said:

"I think the acquittal of Chaplin was magnificent. He is the greatest artist of our time, perhaps of all time, in the theatre. He is known all over the world for his art. He has done more for motion pictures than anyone else can claim. It is a shame to make him the victim of injustice. His acquittal speaks wonderfully for our juries, our courts, our democratic system. It shows that the people know what it is all about. They brought in an honest verdict despite accusations and recriminations that had nothing to do with the case, as for example, his citizenship."

Victor Jory, well-known stage

and screen star, said:

"I think all artists in the theatre and in the film industry must be very happy today that Charles Chaplin has been acquitted. Chaplin is undoubtedly the greatest pantomimist of our time and has probably done more for motion pictures than any single individual."

Yes, it has been a great victory for the people and a severe setback to the Hearst-McCormick-Patterson press, leaders of the wolf-pack against Chaplin. Chaplin was victimized by Hitler's intimates in this country for the following reasons: He was a British subject and a Jew. He came out boldly for a second front in 1942. He produced "The Great Dictator," powerful anti-fascist film. And as one of the

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Big Enemy Push On India Imminent

NEW DELHI, April 5 (UP).—A new all-out attack by Japanese troops invading India was believed imminent today as the enemy massed in thousands on the edge of Manipur plain, northeast of the British stronghold of Imphal.

Other invasion spearheads were increasing their pressure on the British defenders from the north and south of Imphal. Official reports said powerful Japanese concentrations had been observed in the Uthul area, 34 miles northeast of Imphal.

It was in that area that British artillery and aircraft last Wednesday stemmed the crush of the invaders, who had pressed to within ten miles of the Manipur capital, and halted enemy thrusts in that sector temporarily.

Other Japanese troops had extended and strengthened their road block on the Manipur road about 30 miles north of Imphal and about the same distance south of Kohima. There was no indication as to whether the Japanese there were preparing to push down on Imphal or northward against Kohima and the vital Assam-Bengal railway.

Bombs Over Bucharest

Coalition Warfare

By a Veteran Commander

WE DON'T know yet what damage has been done by the Allied air attack on Bucharest yesterday. But whatever it may be, it is an extremely important manifestation of coordinated strategy between the Anglo-American forces and the Red Army.

The main artery feeding the German front in Rumania runs through Budapest and Bucharest and the blasting of these key points represents direct support of Marshal Konev's offensive. In other words, it means that an "operational bridge" has been thrown over the gap between the Anglo-American forces and the Soviet forces in southwestern Europe. This "bridge," aside from the purely military consequences, will weigh heavily on the morale of a tottering Rumania, showing the Antonescu clique that they can't look to the western democracies to save them from the avenging arm of the eastern democracy. Both western and eastern democracies have convincingly shaken hands over Budapest and Bucharest.

GENERAL MALINOVSKY has, in fact, isolated Odessa by pushing it within two miles of the junction of Rainskaya which controls the last continuous railroad out of the great Black Sea port. There is now only one secondary line left out of the city—to Ovidopol, across the Dniester Lagoon by steam ferry, to Akkerman and hence via Lepsiyskaya and Byrdol to Bucharest. There is little doubt that submarines and light craft of the Black Sea Fleet are already hovering near the ferry run and will not permit it to function undisturbed. The German concentration around Odessa will be pressed against the Dniester Lagoon and its fate is not enviable. Neither is an amphibious operation by Soviet forces in the region of Akkerman impossible.

There is no news from the Rumanian front except for front dispatches which reported fighting on the approaches to Jassy. The liquidation of the pocket near Skala in which the remnants of 15 German divisions are trapped was further advanced by the capture of Khotin by Marshal Zhukov's troops.

At the same time, his troops broke into Tarnopol and the capture of this stronghold can be expected almost hourly. The German knots of resistance around Tarnopol and Skala hamper Zhukov's advance into Bukovina and toward Lvov and their liquidation will not only free a number of Soviet divisions, but will also give Zhukov "elbow room."

GENERAL MACARTHUR has announced that in three days of attacks on Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, our fliers have disposed of the 288 Japanese planes which were based there. Our Navy reports that all Japanese ships found by our task force at Palau, Yap and Woleai have been either sunk or damaged. Thus our naval and air power is making itself felt in a most convincing way along the central Pacific route which leads to the Philippines.

However, the other end of the pincers—the one in Burma—is not doing so well. There the Japanese bid fair to reach the Bengal-Assam railroad, thus severing Gen. Stilwell's supply line. They are now advancing on Kohima and Dinapur. However, the indomitable Stilwell continues his push on Myitkina.

Finland, Spain Still Stick Close to Hitler

Finland, Spain and Portugal—all three of them riding on Hitler's bandwagon—continued to occupy United Nations diplomacy yesterday with few signs that "sweetness and light" are going to get them off. The news from Helsinki continues to be hot and cold.

Thus far, there is no indication that Finland really intends to begin armistice negotiations with the Soviet Union. Finland continues as an ally of Germany, and for all we know, German troops and German agents continue to entrench themselves in that country behind the thick fog of reported desires for peace in Helsinki.

Last weekend, Stockholm dispatches were very optimistic because two Finnish statesmen were alleged to have visited Moscow and returned with even more generous terms than the Soviet Union made public on March 1. The Finnish Parliament was supposed to be ready to talk turkey on Tuesday, but nothing has come of it.

The only reason to believe that something may turn out of all the maneuvers, is the fact that the Soviet Union itself has undertaken no large-scale operations against Finland since the official placing all responsibility for future developments on Finland's fascist government.

As for Spain and Portugal, it now turns out that both governments are very reluctant to cut off shipments of tungsten ore to Germany. Several other disputed issues are still not settled.

France has again promised to withdraw his troops from the Soviet front, which is something of a joke considering how rapidly the Nazis are being moved towards and across the Soviet frontier.

France is reluctant to close the German consulate at Tangiers, in Spanish North Africa, where Nazi spies are busy. And even on the return of Italian ships, held in Spanish harbors, the Franco government is stalling.

Portugal, likewise has not been moved by the seven-century old alliance with Britain to forego the lucrative trade with Germany in tungsten ore. The bargaining continues.

Maybe the British Foreign Office and the State Department think they are getting places quickly, but it doesn't look that way to the innocent bystander. Seems to us that the breaking of American relations with Finland would settle the minds of the Hamlets in Helsinki pretty quickly.

As for the hideous of Falangist Madrid, a complete blockade, serious denunciation of the Falange plus a complete turn of the United States and Great Britain toward the Spanish democrats will make any impression on Spain, and prepare Franco's elimination from the picture.

Tongue-in-Cheek On Saving Jews

(Daily Worker Foreign Department)

The Emergency Committee, to Save the Jewish Peoples of Europe yesterday greeted the current session of the All-Soviet Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee in Moscow, hailing the fact that the Soviet Union, had saved more than a million Jews from Hitler's clutches.

The rub is that the Emergency Committee, in the hands of Republican defectors, Social Democrats, and Revisionist Zionists is the same outfit that runs full-page advertisements attacking President Roosevelt, and likewise Great Britain in a most factional manner.

That has to be remembered in understanding its cable to the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee. The greeting in itself says things that are very true and certainly expressive of how American Jews feel toward the Soviet Union.

"Your heroic country by saving a million Jews from fascist hangmen has set an example for the entire United Nations," the cable declared.

"We feel certain that the victorious Red Army, as it advances to final victory with the armies of the United States and Great Britain, will continue to free Jewish people from German slaughter."

The message was signed by Dean Alfange, co-chairman of the Emergency Committee; Gabriel Wechsler, national secretary; Rep. Will Rogers Jr. and Peter H. Bergson.

Italians Repulse Nazis at Cassino

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, April 5 (UP).—Italian troops have thrown back sharp German counter-attacks against Mt. Marsone in the western Apennines above Cassino, inflicting heavy casualties, while on other Italian sectors Allied guns are hurling a night and day barrage on enemy positions. It was disclosed today.

Vigorous patrolling was reported from the beachhead and main Cassino fronts where the weather was good. German guns again shelled an American beachhead evacuation hospital, killing one person and setting a fire which was quickly brought under control.

The Germans preceded their attack on newly won Italian positions with a fairly heavy shelling but the Italian breaching in the spring slush covering the slopes, held firm at all points and sent the Nazis back to their starting line.

Field dispatches said that the Allies' beachhead guns were thundering away at every German target that presented itself. A light enemy party tried to infiltrate an Allied position on the western flank of the beachhead but was routed with the loss of four men as prisoners.

While the United Nations have recognized the Yugoslav Army of Liberation as an ally, Marshal Tito declared that "no possibility has been given to the people who created this army to expose their present and future needs before the inter-allied committees."

The Yugoslav leader remarked, according to the "Free Yugoslav" radio, that the news of UNRRA director General Herbert Lehman's visit to Cairo for consultation with the Yugoslav emigre government "has caused a painful impression on the nation."

An urgent request has been made of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration by Marshal Tito for a seat on that agency, according to the "Free Yugoslav" radio.

The leader of the Yugoslav People's Army disclosed that 50,159 square miles of territory has been liberated, freeing some 5,000,000 Yugoslav citizens who are "in urgent need."

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New England IAM to Meet

The New England Conference of the AFL International Association of Machinists will be held April 15 and 16 in Providence, R. I., according to a call sent out by Joseph V. Cronin of Hartford, secretary-treasurer.

Ernest Liu, a representative of the Chinese labor movement, will be a guest speaker at the conference.

The conference will also deal with home front problems, especially the question of making the IAM voice heard in the coming elections.

King Frees 79 Italian Military Prisoners

NAPLES, April 5 (UP).—King Victor Emmanuel has pardoned 79 more Italian military prisoners, who had been held in jail on various political charges, it was announced today.

This brings to 449 the total number of Italian military prisoners pardoned by the King in recent weeks. Both enlisted soldiers and officers are included.

Rumania Is a Corridor to Germany

By Ilya Ehrenburg

(By Wireless to Late-Centinel News)

MOSCOW, April 5.—We are in Rumania. Thus ends the campaign of the jackal, Antonescu, to reach the Volga. It is so long ago that the Rumanian "Academicians" asserted that the entire stretch between the Prut and the Caucasus was populated by "Rumanian descendants."

Is it so long ago that the Rumanian "Academicians" asserted that the entire stretch between the Prut and the Caucasus was populated by "Rumanian descendants?" Now they are seeking to escape along the roads to Rumania, but nothing will save them. We know that the ignorant and poverty-stricken peasants of Rumania were cannon fodder for Hitler.

They didn't read the insolent discourses about "greater Rumania." They didn't dream about Novorossiysk. We are not mixing these peasants with the avaricious and corrupt "boyars." We are not mixing the petty Rumanian thieves with peddled avarice, with the millions of Russians and Bavarian bandits who came to us for "Lebensraum."

But we remember the activities of the Rumanians in Russia—how they gassed the Odessa inhabitants in the

catacombs, how they laid to waste the villages of the Kuban.

SEVASTOPOL. We remember the sacred stones of Sevastopol. We didn't hurt the Rumanians. We wished them no evil. They came to us. They stained their hands in the blood of our women.

Even now they are defiling the alleys of the streets in Odessa. A jackal is not a tiger; but the jackal stalks behind the tiger. And the jackal will receive his deserts. Antonescu reckoned on grabbing a hunk of meat on the sly. Well, he better not reckon on getting away on the sly. Rumania is merely a lobby or a corridor. We are moving to Germany and we will get there.

Hitler is wasting his hopes on the Rumanian and Hungarian janitors: while thieves hunt together, they rarely die for each other. In vain did Hitler hope to hide behind the frontier-post: he himself overturned that on June 22, 1941.

In vain is Hitler trusting in the rivers, mountains and kilometers. The Red Army covered the distance from

Vladikavkaz to Rumania. Behind them lie two-thirds of the road.

The Red Army entered Rumania. The Germans realize what this means without comment. The Russian people are sensible and kind. But the German butchers need not reckon on the kindness of the Russian people.

We are too good-natured to forget the terrible evil which the fascists brought upon mankind. We are too generous to forgive the Fritzes their baseness.

The eyes of our fighters have seen horrible sights: ditches and pits filled to the top with murdered children. When we retreated we said, "The Hitlerites shall not live!" Let the accursed murderers of children know that we are moving westward with the same vow: "They shall not live!"

We don't want foreign lands. It is not avarice that is impelling our men forward, but love for their country and for mankind; a lofty feeling of justice and a desire for equitable peace.

An army of knights, the defenders of the oppressed, of freedom are moving to the west.

Fighter Mourns Comrade



An American soldier on Bougainville Island buries his face in the jungle floor and sobs over the body of his buddy killed by Japanese mortar fire. Signal Corps photo.

Soviet Paper Nails Cartel Intrigue With Nazis

MOSCOW, April 5 (ICN).—The highly authoritative and always well informed organ of the Soviet trade unions, "War and the Working Class" in its last issue charged that a nest of monopolists, both British and American, are engaged in dealings with representatives of German cartels in Switzerland.

These secret negotiations, credited to an American source, are pregnant with the most serious dangers to the war and to the post-war world, the periodical said. The source is an employee of the New York York Guarantee Trust Co. who spent the first years of the war in Switzerland.

"For many years Switzerland has been a most convenient place for the meetings between the various British, American, German and French citizens, members of a small international consortium, the of business men engaged in the organization of cartel agreements," he wrote in Harper's.

"War and the Working Class" clearly underlines the vast importance of the international cartel negotiations today, and their possible influence on the war and the peace. All questions regarding the future of Germany, particularly the question of the disposition of the main German trusts, assume growing importance with the development of the final phase of the war—the coalition all-out offensive in the west and the south.

The role of leading German monopolies in past wars for German imperialism's expansion, and in the present fascist imperialist attempt to dominate the earth, cannot be forgotten. "War and the Working Class" calls attention to the renewed activity of "economic appeasers" whose conspiracies behind the scenes with German finance and monopoly capitalists threaten to negate the victory over the fascist Axis.

ECONOMIC APPEASEMENT The economic appeasers "imagine the world knows nothing about their activities. What a dangerous delusion. Their aims and intentions are absolutely clear. They place above all else personal selfish interests, and the small handful of international monopolists who are receiving tremendous super-profits from war orders are concerned only lest the gold cease to pour in as a result of the 'premature' conclusion of the war."

"War and the Working Class" discloses the technique used by certain American and British monopolies in order to keep "the gold pouring in." The agreement, for instance, concluded by the duPont interests provide for the restoration of cartel relations with German trusts immediately upon the conclusion of the war. The cartel relations the duPonts wish to resume with the I. G. Farben of Germany, and the British Imperial Industries group, are relations that embrace the division of the world.

The great danger latent in this situation is the secret striving of powerful monopoly groups to maintain the power of the blood-soaked and rapacious German monopolies and in fact to strengthen them with American and British capital and cartel division of the world. This policy is the surest way to preserve the German social stratum mainly responsible for the bloodiest and most destructive war in history, and to lay the basis for another world war.

This cannot be allowed—and will not be allowed by a tortured and roused humanity.

LONDON, Thursday, April 6 (UP).—British government authorities suspended telephone service to all Ireland effective at midnight last night as the latest of a series of unprecedented security measures designed to prevent leakage to Axis spies of vital information incident to preparation for the opening of the western front.

At the same time the War Department extended prohibited areas to new key areas of England, Wales and Scotland.

Seamen to Fight Cut in Income

(Continued from Page 1)

minimum bonus of \$80 a month. This means that the lowest paid men will be cut \$20. Higher paid men will be cut much more.

Wage increases offsetting the loss of the bonus will be sought.

BACK MYERS' PLAN

At the suggestion of Frederick N. Myers, NMU vice-president, the members of the New York port organization of the union have voted to ask their national officers to go before the War Labor Board and press for minimum wage increases of \$25 a month.

The union's position has always been that the men's justified demands should be met by adequate wages rather than bonuses. And it had warned the Maritime War Emergency Board that the union would change its demands if the bonus was cut.

Anti-war forces are behind the cut in the incomes of the men who keep the ships sailing, revealed Joseph Curran, NMU president, in a letter to all port organizations of the union.

Then naming some of the people's enemies, Curran said:

"This cut in the bonus is the culmination of the propaganda regarding seamen's earnings issued by the Axis press. McCormick, Patterson and Hearst, whose drive has been spearheaded by Westbrook Pegler."

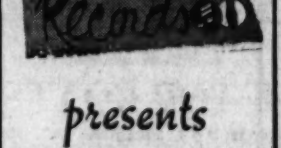
CURRAN CONFIDENT

This cut was engineered by the anti-Roosevelt and pro-Hitler forces, added Curran.

"Our counter-offensive," said the NMU president, "is to guarantee that our perfect no-strike record is maintained regardless of provocation."

The membership of the union must unite solidly behind the union, to secure proper wage adjustments, which will increase our earnings from now on.

There is no reason to be pessimistic said the maritime workers' leader. The increases can be won.



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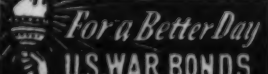
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(Daily Worker Foreign Department)

Here's another case for your files of how a lie will hit the front pages for a day, while the truth appears in some obscure corner of the press the day after.

On Monday, the N. Y. Times featured a London Sunday Observer report that the United States was haggling with the Soviet Union future lend-lease aid. The United States was supposed to be insisting that the Soviet Union clarify its intentions toward Japan before receiving any further lend-lease. That made page one. The day after, the State Department flatly denied the London Sunday Observer's rumor. That got page 3 of the Times, tucked away near advertisements of the latest milk coats.



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Budget Takes Up City's War Problems

Health Funds Increased; Weaknesses Are Evident

(This is the first of a series of articles on the proposed 1944-1945 municipal budget as presented by Mayor LaGuardia to the Board of Estimate.)

By Harry Raymond

Mayor LaGuardia's \$737,333,148 municipal budget presented to the Board of Estimate last week, although not without some serious weaknesses, reveals a keen consciousness on his part of the multiple war-time and post-war social problems of the world's largest city and a sturdy will to solve them in a progressive manner.

Conditions under which the budget was made were certainly not ideal. The Republican-controlled State Legislature saw to that. Failure of the budget to meet completely all social service needs and settle with satisfaction all department cost-of-living wage requests are true, in the main, to the Legislature's stubborn refusal to grant the city proper power to raise necessary revenue.

Yet, despite the Legislature's budget wrecking, the budget includes:

1. Increased health and hospital appropriations.
2. A school lunch program of \$1,531,900.
3. Increased funds for wartime care for children.
4. An appropriation of \$14,311,000 for cost-of-living wage adjustments.

WEAKNESSES

Chief weaknesses of the budget appear, as in the past, in appropriations for the Department of Education and the Board of Higher Education.

Although the Mayor slaps hard in his message at "old stand-pat narrow mindedness" that has opposed advancement of the education system, influence of this backward trend of thought is reflected in a \$1,297,251 cut in school funds and a \$410,831 reduction in city college appropriations.

No teachers have been fired as reactionary groups have demanded. But the education system has been weakened by the elimination of 140 elementary teaching posts, 238 high school teaching posts and 104 teaching posts in vocational schools, all of which were unfilled at budget making time.

At the budget hearings next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the Board of Estimate will be asked by education experts to restore these positions and fill them.

The Mayor did grant salary increases from \$1.25 to \$3 a day to substitute teachers, but this, too, is deemed insufficient. Teachers' organizations will demand these teachers, who do the same work as regulars, be granted similar wages.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Educational experts also point out that post-war rehabilitation plans and the general program for progressive economic advancement after the war will necessitate a broadening and extension of higher education in the city. They say the Mayor's message recognizes these needs and the budget provides for them in other fields, but badly neglects them in the field of college education.

The Mayor's attack on child delinquency through the school system, however, is commendable. He

Oh Yes, Easter Shopping



The squander bug running rampant before Easter got a slight setback yesterday when old man winter returned unexpectedly. With something new for the Easter Parade on their minds, these shoppers on 14th Street were not discouraged as they walked forth-weather or no.

—Daily Worker Photo

Forecast Drop In Butter Points

WASHINGTON, April 5 (UP).—Three government agencies dealing with food and farm products reported today that:

1. Civilian butter supplies increased during March, and if they continue to increase, point values can be decreased.
2. There is no surplus of sugar, but rather a six per cent reduction in total civilian supplies as compared to 1943.
3. There should be a "little more" beef, a little less pork next fall.
4. An impending shortage may force cutting in half of live stock feeding next year and curtailment of industrial alcohol production from wheat.

The War Food Administration, optimistic over the butter situation said supplies at the end of March were mostly "adequate" to fill rationed civilian demands. However, WFA said sales were still below normal due to the high 16-point ration value "coupled with the wide-spread use of margarine and other spreads."

OPA Issues Rules On Lease Renewal

If a tenant pays less than \$50 a month, his landlord may ask him to renew his lease two months before expiration, the Office of Price Administration ruled yesterday. The tenant, on the other hand, is allowed one month after demand is made to answer the landlord on whether he will renew his lease.

These regulations are part of provisions just issued by OPA on renewal of written leases for apartments and other residential accommodations in New York City.

Daniel P. Woolley, regional administrator, took into consideration existing rental practices in determining the length of time a landlord should have in notifying a tenant for the renewal of a lease and how much time a tenant should have in deciding to renew.

A landlord's notice to a tenant for renewal of a lease may be given two months before expiration of lease if the apartment rents for less than \$50 a month; if rent is \$50 or less than \$75, the landlord has three months; if rent is \$75 or less than \$150, he has four; and if rent is \$150 or more, he has five.

ONE MONTH
In all these cases, Woolley said, the tenant should be given one month in which to reply to the landlord's request for lease renewal. If the tenant refuses to sign a renewal within one month after demand is made, the landlord should be free to enter into a lease with another tenant.

However, the administrator believes a landlord in this area should not refuse to renew a lease simply because a tenant failed or refused to sign a renewal within one month of demand.

"The landlord customarily would refuse to renew the lease only if he had changed his position as by entering into a lease with another tenant," he said.

The courts make the final decision as to whether an eviction order should be issued in a controversy over lease renewal.

WLB Hears AFL Wage Testimony

WASHINGTON, April 5 (UP).—Fred Umhey, secretary of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union (AFL), contended today that the government's cost of living index is an improper yardstick for use in wage policy.

His argument was submitted to a War Labor Board panel hearing evidence in behalf of the American Federation of Labor petition for a change in the Little Steel formula. Umhey said the Bureau of Labor Statistics has admitted that its cost of living index merely reflects changes in prices and does not measure changes in living standards involving other factors.

He said that the report of labor members of the President's Cost of Living Committee, who contended that living costs had risen 45.5 per cent since January, 1941, was a better yardstick than the government index to show changes which affected the workers' standard of living.

George Q. Lynch, president of the Pattern Makers League, charged that WLB wage policy had set aside collective bargaining rights guaranteed by the National Labor Relations Act. He estimated that 70 per cent of the agreements negotiated by the pattern makers and employers were disapproved by the board under its Little Steel formula or wage bracket standards.

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Teachers Seek 700 Appointments

The Teachers Union launched a city-wide leaflet distribution yesterday, calling upon Mayor LaGuardia to appoint teachers to New York City schools, Dr. Bella V. Dodd, legislative director of the union, announced.

Reminding New Yorkers that "today's children will be the builders of the post-war world," and that their education cannot wait, the leaflets pointed out that 8,000 children went without teachers for one month and a million children are in crowded classes. In announcing the distribution, Dr. Dodd said that while the Mayor's budget attempts to cope with wartime problems of the city, it eliminates 880 teaching positions in the schools by dropping the jobs

C. P. Leader Killed In South Pacific

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BOSTON, April 5.—The State Committee of the Communist Party of Massachusetts announced yesterday that one of its leading members, Staff-Sergeant Ben Spungin, has been reported killed in action in the South Pacific.

He was a member of a bomber crew in the U. S. Army Air Corps. Before leaving for the Army, Sergeant Spungin had been secretary of the Communist Party of Worcester and a member of the State Committee. He was widely known and loved among the workers of his city as well as among local cultural and political leaders.

The City Committee of the Communist Party of Worcester announced yesterday they intend to recruit at least 50 new members to take the place of their departed comrade who gave his life for his country.

N. Y. Communist Convention, May 14

Israel Amter and Gilbert Green, chairman and secretary of the New York Communist Party State Committee announced yesterday that the Party's state convention will be held May 14 at Manhattan Center, 34 St. and Eighth Ave., New York City. The opening session will begin promptly at 10 A. M.

Delegates to the convention will be elected at Communist Party Clubs during the first two weeks in May. There will be one delegate for every 20 members of each club, the state committee said, and every club is entitled to at least one delegate.

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The two-count indictment names as defendants William S. Gray and Co., a New York City sales organization; 20 manufacturing corporations; a trade association and 32 individuals.

Camp Maxy One Up on Texas In Jim Crowing Negro GI's

By Eugene Gordon

"When it comes to bus transportation," said the Negro GI on furlough in New York, "Camp Maxy in Texas, does the State of Texas one better. Texas laws allow Negroes and whites to ride in the same buses, as long as Negroes sit in the rear. But Camp Maxy won't let Negro soldiers even get on a bus marked for whites."

"Buses line up in front of the Negro service club, but even if only two or three white soldiers are on them no Negro can get on. He must wait until an empty one comes. Sometimes he waits hours for a bus to go on pass."

The nearest town, Paris,

Union Lookout

New York Congressmen, home for the Easter recess, have been invited to an informal conference on the problems of white-collar workers. The executive board of Local 16, United Office and Professional Workers, will be hosts. The conference will be at Hotel Commodore Monday at 8 P.M.

There's one legislator that white-collar workers are cheering. That's Senator Elbert D. Thomas who proposed congressional action to increase the incomes of office workers and technicians. Theodore Vincent, regional representative of the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians, wired Sen. Thomas congratulations on his stand yesterday.

The California Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen has come out for a fourth term for President Roosevelt. Action was taken at a meeting of the state legislative board with 22 lodges represented. . . . On the same subject from the same state: the 5,500 members of Local 524, International Association of Machinists, says the same thing.

Add Milestones in Labor History: For the first time in the history of New York Lodge 402, International Association of Machinists, a woman member took the floor at a recent membership meeting. She was Elise Kay of Star Radio and Machine Shop. She talked about shop practices and got a big hand.

The Teachers Union will make nominations for officers and executive board members April 21. . . . James Marley has just been named as a business agent for Hotel and Club Employees Local 6. He succeeds Angel Santibanez, now in the army.

Staff Sgt. Edward S. Yevich, a member of Hotel Front Service Local 144, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism while on a bombing mission over Germany. Yevich, a former Hotel New Yorker employee, is in the Army Air Force. His ship was returning from its mission, when it was heavily hit by enemy fire. Sgt. Yevich, right waist gunner, was seriously wounded by flak and cannon fire, but remained at his post, warding off enemy fighters until all danger had ceased. "The safe return of the ship and crew was largely attributable to Sgt. Yevich's courage and devotion to duty and his action reflects the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States," said the citation.

Distinguished service on the home front won an award for another union man just the other day. He is Max Kholos, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers member in Pittsburgh. He was one of eight production workers chosen from among 1,500 award winners to attend the first War Production Board labor-management exposition in Washington and was given a special certificate for his invention. He perfected a new process for splicing cotton-web belting. His method saves production through cutting down slippage, saving machine time and providing more durable belting.

The Changing Tunes Of a 'Post' Columnist

By George Morris

The New York Post's pendulum swings wilder than ever these days. In addition to the rapidly changing political weather, the publishers must contend with the special gyrations of their Dubinsky-line columnist Victor Riesel. Or maybe he finds the publisher's line troublesome?

At any rate, we are glad that the Post found the tip in Adam Lapid's column of Tuesday's Daily Worker—about the AFL's endorsement of Dies and Nye—good enough to rate a front page headline. Riesel made it the subject of his column a day later.

This time Riesel wrote a pretty good column, which only shows that even he can profit by reading the Daily Worker. But if any one can see any rhyme or reason in this column after what he and others on the Post have been dishing out in recent weeks, we'd like to know it. "In Tuesday's column Riesel picked Daniel Tobin of the Teamsters Union for his target, as we pointed out in yesterday's Daily Worker. Who is it in the AFL that is leading the fight against the gentlemen who endorsed Dies and Nye? Dan

Tobin—the same Dan Tobin who delivers a scorching indictment of Nye's America First line in the April issue of the Teamster. The same Dan Tobin who has aroused his whole 650,000-strong union to reject the President and defeat Nye. Why does the Post attack Tobin? Why doesn't its labor reporter tell its readers that the AFL top leaders are not united on endorsing defeatists, that some of them and the local AFL affiliates are actively working the other way?

Post readers who have swallowed all the slander and mud that its editorial and Riesel's columns have been handing out about the CIO's Political Action Committee are probably convinced that anything that Hillman touches couldn't possibly be good. Here's what Riesel wrote yesterday:

"While the Federation (AFL) is sticking to the old non-partisan brand of politics which had it endorsing Rep. Hamilton Fish for years, the CIO is doing a bang-up job in the election districts of most large cities.

"Political action committees in every union are canvassing their members to learn if they are registered. The CIO knows that successful politics depends on organization from the bottom up. And it knows that the labor outfit that can really bargain is the one which proves it can deliver votes inside each congressional district.

"It will try to deliver those votes to the opponents of Dies, Nye and Co. regardless of what the AFL does with its endorsement."

Incidentally it was a "bang-up" job on March 28, too.

The next column, we expect, will tell us that the CIO's Political Action Committee is controlled by "Communists," that Hillman and Murray "don't agree," that "in fact" Hillman now heads the Communist Party and that some "important CIO leaders" are ready to quit.

Gov. Neely Acts to Stop Violence By Weir's Goons

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WEIRTON, West Va., April 5.—Undertaking a huge organizational drive at the Weirton Steel Co. to crack the last stronghold of company unionism in the industry, the United Steelworkers of America, CIO, continues to distribute leaflets in front of company gates unopposed.

Protected by a proclamation of Gov. M. M. Neely and assisted by State Troopers led by Col. H. Clare Hess, workers here commented on the amazing experience.

Every attempt to distribute union literature heretofore had been met with violence on the part of hundreds of Weir's hatchet men, armed with clubs especially manufactured in the mill for that purpose.

Dozens have been sent to the hospital for injuries while 25 CIO organizers were arrested last Thursday and held for the County Grand Jury.

When state troopers last month tried to interfere in behalf of workers, they were forced to retreat. According to union officials, 2,000 workers have been discharged for union activity. Their cases are now pending before the Regional National Labor Relations Board.

Gov. Neely's action in bringing constitutional rights and liberties into this dark spot of America, has been hailed by law-abiding citizens of all walks of life.

Labor in the Ohio Valley has been particularly stimulated by the action. Commenting on the action, John B. Easton, president of the West Va. CIO said, "The Governor's proclamation means that these people have the right under the Constitution to assemble peacefully and pass out literature."

On the other hand, officials of the company union, admitted that the Governor's action "was a bolt in from the blue" and refused further comment.

Trial Names Head Of Nazi Party Here

(Special to the Daily Worker)

NEWARK, N. J., April 5.—The head of the Nazi Party in the United States was Dr. Friedrich Raeder, German vice consul in New York, said one of his former associates in the United States District Court here today.

Otto A. Johannessen, president of the German American Vocational League, named Raeder at the close of his testimony in the trial of 19 officers and leaders of this organization.

Johannessen, a plump, rounded-headed man of 50 or more, told of carrying on correspondence with the German Labor Front, the parent German organization, through the Nazi consulate in New York.

The jury, which included six white and two Negro women, listened to fervent declarations of loyalty to the Nazi Party and Hitler as the Government read from the annual reports of Johannessen's organization.

"No other German organization abroad," said the 1933 report, "has followed with such interest the ascent and fight of the Nazi Party as the DHB" (the initials of the League before its name was changed to German American Vocational League).

The League, said the report was always devoted to the development of a "Greater Germany" abroad under a leader.

A Nazi-American youth leader, who was sent to Germany by the League to receive training in a "leadership school" will testify soon.

Moreschi Series

The fourth in the series of articles by Dorothy Moreschi on dramatic events leading to the indictment in Washington, D. C. of Joseph V. Moreschi, ex of the AFL Red Carriers, Building and Common Laborers Union will appear Friday.

WHAT'S ON

BATES: What's on for the Daily and the Worker are the our list is words to a lion—(see column).

HEADLINE: Daily at 4 P.M. For Gov. Neely, Wednesday at 4 P.M.

Tonight
Bronx
WILLIAM E. PORTER speaks on "Labor in the 1944 Elections." 8 P.M. tomorrow at Bronx Winter Garden, Tremont and Washington Aves. Entertainment. Admission free.

Tomorrow
Manhattan
REVIEW OF THE WEEK—8:30 P.M. KUMAR, Goshal, joined lecturer, will discuss the recently published "US Guide to Political Action" as well as the major events of the week. Jefferson School of Social Science, 575 Sixth Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

"HERE WE GO AGAIN!" Opening of new spring term of Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art. Guest of Honor: Earl Robinson (banned for Americanism). Entrance Train! Meet the teachers; greet our new executive secretary, Harold Collins. Refreshments. Saturday, 8 to 12 P.M. April 8th, 3704 Walnut St. Admission free.

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AROUND THE WORLD WITH OUR BOYS ON ARMY DAY



In the Mediterranean theater, on Far East battle lines and in the Pacific American boys are putting everything they've got into the

fight against the fascists. Army Day today sees our soldiers in Burma battling the Japanese from watery foxholes (left). At Anzio (right) Yank Ranger troops march Nazi pris-

oners through the town. In England hundreds of thousands of trained American troops wait for the command that will send them across the Channel to smash at the Nazi foe.

U.S. Army United; At Peak of Its Power

The United States Army is united "in purpose and in operation," declared George Marshall, chief of staff of the United States Army, in his last official report.

General Marshall praised the military might of America's war allies at the same time.

The Soviet Army, he declared, "in deadly and exhausting combat has dispelled the legend of the invincibility of the German Panzer divisions."

"The British . . . are stronger than ever before," he went on, "and a new France is arising from the ashes of 1940. Strategically

the enemy in Europe has been reduced to the defensive, and the blockade is complete."

General Marshall said that the Army had gained 5,000,000 more enlisted men in two years and had increased its officer personnel from 93,000 to 121,000.

The air force included nearly 2,000,000 men.

The Corps of Engineers, so indispensable in attack, has been increased by 4,000 per cent in two years.

General Marshall has divided the history of the global war into five phases.

The first phase included the fall of France.

The second ended with the Nazi attack on the Soviet Union.

The third was abruptly ended by Pearl Harbor.

The fourth found offensives against the enemies increasing in Europe and Asia.

The fifth, in which we now find ourselves, involves the launching of Allied military power in a series of constantly increasing offensives blows that will bring victory.

Dealing with America's active operations in the fifth phase General Marshall discussed the battles

in the Solomons and other Pacific theatres of war; the operations in North Africa preparatory to the attack in Italy; the air missions and supply problems in the Middle East; aid to China, and operations in Alaska.

"The development of the powerful war army of today," said General Marshall, "could not have been approximated without the determined leadership of the Constitutional Commander-in-Chief, and the wisdom and firm integrity of purpose of the Secretary of War."

Referring to the appropriations

made in Congress for the Army, the Army, the Chief of Staff lauded the aid given by civilian organizations.

"Outstanding," he said, "has been the courageous acceptance of sacrifice by the families of these men who have already fallen in the struggle."

"The end is not yet clearly in sight, but victory is certain. In every emergency the courage, initiative, and spirit of our soldiers and their young leaders and of our pilots and their crews have been an inspiration at the moment, and a complete assurance of the final victory to come."

Missouri Vets Open Drive on G. K. Smith

By John Meldon

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of Missouri have launched a brass-knuckled campaign against one of America's foremost fascists—Gerald L. K. Smith, chief of the America First Party and publisher of the seditious, but still circulated, "Cross and the Flag."

In one of the hardest hitting pamphlets ever to come to this writer's attention, the Missouri veterans publish a front-page picture of an arm raised Hitler bearing the legend: "Hitler Salutes his American mouthpiece, Gerald L. K. Smith and his followers, saboteurs of American morale!"

War veterans in the state of Missouri conducted a highly commendable fight against Smith's attempt to hold one of his rabble-rousing fascist meetings in St. Louis. "The vets were joined by the CIO, various civic and religious groups in their attempt to keep Smith from polluting the St. Louis atmosphere with his poison. However, the Civil Liberties Union succeeded in injecting a phony 'free speech' cry into the issue on behalf of the fascist, and the meeting was held on March 25. About 2,000 persons attended the rally—although Smith admitted he had sent a special invitation to 8,000.

FUEHRER LINDBERGH
The fascist mouthpiece selected St. Louis as a Midwest jumping off place to launch "a nation-wide America First movement here with 'The Spirit of St. Louis'—Charles A. Lindbergh at its head."

Smith is charged in the veterans pamphlet with echoing Hitler "by spreading the three D's—disturb, distrust, defeatism."

"As the fateful hour of invasion of the European continent approaches," the vets state, "when

UAW War Vets To Meet in Capital

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, April 5.—A national conference of war veterans who are members of the CIO United Auto Workers to discuss job placement, vocational rehabilitation and re-training, will be held here tomorrow and Friday, union president E. J. Thomas said yesterday.

"The UAW-CIO is making its own members who are veterans of both World Wars to write out in specific detail the union's program for re-employment and rehabilitation of veterans of World War II," Thomas declared.

With some 350,000 men in the service, the auto union faces the problem of readjusting members who are being discharged from the service to civilian life and jobs.

Soviets Cut Main Odessa Exit Route

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Moscow gave no report on the progress of Soviet troops slashing westward across Rumania toward the Carpathian Mountains. Neither did it make any mention of the bloody street battle raging in the Ukraine railroad junction of Tarnopol.

The only other sector covered in the Moscow bulletin was the "Skala Pocket" northeast of Czernowitz, where the remnants of 15 trapped German divisions are being wiped out by the First Ukrainian Army. "Our troops continued fighting for the annihilation of the enemy grouping encircled in the area of Skala and captured several inhabited places," Moscow said of that action.

A Moscow Radio broadcast reported that one of the war's bloodiest battles was in progress in the streets of the encircled Polish railroad junction of Tarnopol. Fighting has been raging around or inside that town since March 9 when the Russians first burst into its streets and then withdrew.

Moscow said streets in Tarnopol were changing hands constantly. The Germans were taking heavy losses in trying to counter-attack their way through a Soviet ring of steel.

Hail Chaplin Verdict, Press Axis Jolted

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greatest artists of all time, he stands for a progressive win-the-war Hollywood. The fifth column has a maniacal hatred for all these things.

Chaplin himself told newspapermen the other day that the N. Y. Daily News was the ring-leader of the savage assault on his name because he advocated opening a second front in 1942. In a second-front speech at Carnegie Hall in the fall of that year (the real reason for his coming to New York, not the ridiculous one mentioned at the trial) Chaplin linked the Daily News and other isolationist newspapers with the America First Committee. The America Firsters did not like that.

Les Wagner, editor of Script, a Hollywood publication, a few weeks ago threw some more light on the persecution of the comedian. Wagner said Chaplin was a victim of the fascist clique in America and was being pilloried for "The Great Dictator," "a film that exposed their little game."

These men were out to see that another film of the type never reached the screen. "What could be better than to get the writer-producer-star with one blow," said Wagner. "These fascist groups still wield political power; they control others who have such power. There was no need to search for ammunition; it was supplied free, through the astounding charges of a young girl involving parentage of a child yet to be born."

Wagner showed how the rising tide of anti-Chaplin propaganda in the Hearst press and in the Chicago Tribune-Daily News syndicated columns had led to Chaplin's indictment. He revealed that Hearst and his partners in political persecution were deeply upset when the blood tests indicated that Chaplin could not be the father of the child. A new lawyer was brought in, a man with strong ties to the anti-Chaplin crowd.

Chaplin has been found not guilty on one count. But the negotiated-peace pushers are not through with him. When the paternity case comes to trial, Joan Barry's spokesman will be Joseph E. Scott, Franco's foremost defender in Los Angeles in 1938-39. Scott was a leading figure in the drive in 1941 to direct America's war effort against the Soviet Union instead of Nazi Germany.

Boeing to Make Super Fortresses

SEATTLE, Wash., April 5 (UP).—Discontinuance of production of B-17 Flying Fortresses at the Boeing Aircraft Company's Seattle plant and conversion of the plant to production of B-29 Super-Fortresses was announced today by Philip G. Johnson, Boeing president.

Johnson said the conversion work will be started immediately and will be accomplished gradually over a period of several months. There will be no shutdowns or lay-offs of employees. All present employees will be retained and more added after the conversion, he said.

The announcement said discontinuation of B-17 production at the Seattle plant will begin in April to permit B-28 tooling. B-17 engineering work will continue to be done here for Douglas and Lockheed production of the Flying Fortress. The new plan will permit Boeing to put its entire effort into production of the Super-Fortress, described as "the big brother of the Flying Fortress."

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ARMY DAY



Wisconsin's Primary

IN THE Wisconsin primary Wendell Willkie received a severe setback. Even the most enthusiastic of his friends cannot deny that. For most observers the size of the vote for ex-Gov. Stassen of Minnesota and for General MacArthur furnishes a surprise. As a result, Dewey is left with only 40 per cent of the total ballots cast. Despite his victory, he is thus a minority candidate.

What emerges now is the possibility of a national contest between Dewey and Stassen, who has shown strength in other parts of the country. On the basis of this Wisconsin vote, new struggles may shape up in the Republican Party.

In choosing Wisconsin as a testing ground, Willkie knew that he was working under great handicaps. The GOP machine in Wisconsin, headed by Secretary of State (former Governor) Zimmerman, was all out for the New York executive. This gave him the automatic machine vote as the nucleus for his total count, which makes the latter much less impressive.

Then, the people representing Stassen and Senator Ball, who supposedly agree with Willkie on foreign policy, fought him in the primaries. The other candidates were aided by this development.

As for the MacArthur vote, much of it came to him without doubt because of his long residence in Wisconsin and the fact that Phil LaFollette had said a word for him. A large number of those who voted for him were unaware of the nature of the backing he had. They thought of him as a military hero and were not for McCormick or Woods or the other defeatists associated with his candidacy.

It is particularly noteworthy that the Dewey supporters did not dare campaign on the open Hoover platform which he represents.

Willkie on his part can now see that his extreme partisanship against President Roosevelt tended to negate his last minute good campaign against the defeatists. It prevented him from presenting the real issues clearly to the voters. One thing he can learn from this primary is that any appeasement of the Hoover-Spangler outfit such as his praise of Alf Landon has not helped him to gain the nomination.

The Wisconsin primary again brings home to the people that the Republican Party as now controlled offers no hope for America. It is incumbent that there be a wide and rapid drive for the drafting of Mr. Roosevelt, pressing the President to run and educating the people to the urgency of his being chosen in 1944.

America and France

THE formation of a provisional government in Algiers demonstrates how boldly and realistically France is preparing for the final ordeal of liberation. The inclusion of two Communist leaders is a long step forward to make the French Committee more exactly reflect the actual relations inside France itself; it will be welcomed as such by the French and the peoples of the United Nations generally.

The participation of the Communists (delayed for many months through no fault of their own) conforms with the patriotism and prestige of this great party of the French nation. It serves to rebuke those anti-Communist prejudices that are Hitler's and Laval's strongest weapons in degrading and enslaving the French people. The Committee now becomes better equipped to lead France through the next difficult months in an all-out destruction of the enemy.

The clarification of American policy toward France is now more urgent than ever. Our own soldiers are poised for the most ambitious and most important contribution we have yet made to victory over Germany. Behind Hitler's armies, we shall have valiant, self-sacrificing allies in the French partisans, who need only large-scale armament to accomplish what was done in Corsica last autumn. It is obvious from the experience in Italy that no Allied Military Government could succeed in France. That would, as in Italy, jeopardize both our political prestige and our military advance.

On March 21, the State Department rejected all intentions of dealing with Vichy men of any kind. Taking this declaration with utmost seriousness, we feel that the time has come to establish an active liaison with the provisional French government, headed by Gen. de Gaulle. Past policies, echoes of the "white collar" that were forgotten in the face of today's tasks. In so doing, the United States can be assured that the right of the French people to determine their permanent form of government after the war is fully protected by the provisional character of the Committee. In fact, this is exactly how the French resistance movement, of which the Communists are outstanding leaders, considers the Committee.

Churchill's maxim in his support of Marshal Tito—to aid those who are willing and able to fight with us—holds equally for the French liberation movement. And in the face of the defeatist assault on the French Committee, for example from Hearst, it should be all the more obvious that close relations with the Committee are in our direct military and national interests. By consultations with Britain and the Soviet Union, our own State Department should find it easier to come round and recognize French reality as quickly as possible.

Murray—A Real Leader

PHILIP MURRAY, in withdrawing the CIO's request for a share of the United States' labor vote at the forthcoming conference of the ILO, has again proved his qualities of sterling leadership as against the willful narrow-minded reactionary clique in the AFL's council.

He saw the far greater consideration of unity and did not lower the CIO to the pettiness and intrigues of the William Hutchesons and Matthew Wols. These gentlemen have conceived of the ILO vote issue as another way to embarrass the President and feed the maw of reaction with more material for anti-Roosevelt sniping. Murray deprived them of that opportunity and they are undoubtedly disappointed.

But Murray's statesmanship in effect, goes further. Despite these splitters he has once more reached the ears of AFL members with a message of unity. The AFL clique's irresponsibility is more clearly revealed.

That the splitting policies of the AFL top command are unpopular with the membership is being dramatically demonstrated in the daily reports from numerous cities and states. The usual action on William Green's order to "cease and desist" from cooperation with the CIO, is to "file and forget." New joint conferences and committees are cropping up everywhere.

So on the ILO vote issue. More AFL members will think of the whole question of international policy. More will see the great importance of the London Congress of World Labor and will realize that the AFL, like the CIO, should be represented there. The AFL council scheduled to meet at Philadelphia at the end of the month should feel still more pressure from the locals on this matter.

Defeatist Thinkers in AFL See Only a Hooverite Future

By George Morris
(Conclusion)

Fundamentally the main sections of America's labor are united on post-war policy and outlook. Will the AFL's Post-War forum on April 12, 13, reflect it?

If we shove aside the Hutcheson and Lewis statements purportedly issued in the name of the carpenters and miners, we will find that those workers, too, are fully in accord with the thoughts that run through the main stream of labor.

Those thoughts were well summarized at the recent CIO Conference on full employment.

First was the recognition that the Tehran conference, projecting a prolonged and durable peace, promises the conditions under which labor and all common people could drive for something better than we had in the past.

Secondly, it was pointed out that "free enterprise" is not an issue since no one challenges the obvious fact that we will still have capitalist economy for some time.

Thirdly, national unity ranging from workers and farmers to even constructive minded employers, big and small, is necessary on the basis of a policy of full employment.

Fourthly, a national income large enough to provide full employment is possible on the basis of expansion of standards and a general program of improvement in every field of our life as in the President's "New Bill of Rights"; and on the basis of an unprecedented foreign market to supply the vast needs of world reconstruction.

Finally, that the assurance of the promise of Tehran and its full implications within our borders, demands the retention of an administration that will fully carry out those policies.

This is something to look forward to and fight for. There is no CIO, or any label upon it, because it expresses the will of every local

union in the country. This is the policy of the administration, and those who took the trouble to actually read the Baruch report, found that in most essential respects, it is expressed there, too.

Full employment is point one of the Baruch report, and the idea of basing it on better standards, runs through its pages. Post-war policy is only beginning to take shape. Its content and further development will be largely determined by the active influence of labor and all the forces of progress. The advantages are far greater than they were during and after the last war. Labor is far more powerful and is basically in accord with the President. What is most urgent now is active unity of all labor to realize this enduring peace and full employment perspective and the necessary reelection of the President.

There is something more behind the Hutcheson-Woll line of defeatism, labor splitting, anti-Roosevelt sniping and back-to-Hoover perspective than the immediate considerations. They express the thought of such labor leaders who, along with reactionary business circles, see no possibility of an economy of full employment. Here is the run of their mind:

THOUGHTS OF DEFEAT

It's going to be like it was last time. War industries will close up. Unemployment may be even greater than last time. Union membership will drop. Attacks upon labor will grow. Unions will be on the defensive and their influence in public life will fall.

The men of this mentality go on to picture themselves looking for shelter and, as two decades ago, agreeing with employers upon contracts that are substitutes for company-union pacts. A Harding seems inevitable to them. So they are even receptive to playing ball with a Harding, ostensibly in the "interest" of labor.

The labor leaders who play with

such conception also draw some conclusions with respect to labor unity. The CIO, they figure, is largely in war industries and they expect will suffer greater loss of membership. So why should they give encouragement to unity. The time is approaching, they figure, when it may be possible to deal a death blow to the CIO. And isn't that, too, in full conformity with the perspective of "playing ball" with a Harding? That line of thinking, undoubtedly, explains some of the recent step-up of splitting activities by the controlling bureaucrats of the AFL.

HUTCHESON'S PROMISE

Of course, these gentlemen are due for a sad awakening. As usual, their narrowness and model-T scope of mind blinds them to what is actually happening. They don't see airplane and shipbuilding plants turning out pre-fabricated homes; they don't see aluminum and other metals getting into many new fields; they don't see the development of maritime and air transport to new heights.

Their whole line of thinking is a defeatist one. There is no promise in it but decline, wage cuts and subservience to reaction. This is all that the Hutcheson-Woll post-war program promises. There is nothing in it to fight for. Unfortunately, a few Hutcheson and Woll know it, there are sincere labor leaders, too, who have this declining curve mentality. They also know that as long as this inevitable disaster conception remains, the door is open for the whole Hutcheson program. This is why labor leaders with responsibility to their membership better do some deeper thinking on the subject. Those who have been able to discover a new and brighter horizon. Once you see it you realize that there is something to drive for—something around which to rouse the members and unite all the ranks of labor.

Letters From Our Readers

From the National
Association of Manufacturers
New York City.
Editor, Daily Worker:

On March 18, your reporter, Betty Goldstein, wrote concerning formation of the so-called "White Collar League" that "Routh was telling the woman about the cooperation he was getting from certain groups. He especially mentioned the National Association of Manufacturers and the Chamber of Commerce in an industrial area nearby."

Until this statement appeared, the National Association of Manufacturers had never heard of the "White Collar League." No officer or representative of this Association has ever been authorized by the Association to speak or act for it in offering any cooperation whatsoever with the "League."

Mr. Routh is not known to the undersigned, and, so far as the latter knows, has never visited the N. A. M. offices nor asked for cooperation of any kind.

WILLIAM V. LAWSON,
Executive Assistant,
National Association
of Manufacturers.
(Ed. Note: We are glad to re-

cord this correction. The story was taken from the service of the Federated Press, which generally is accurate and reliable.)

Speak Up for
A Good Record!

Seattle, Wash.
Editor, Daily Worker:

Here in Seattle I was putting out some literature for a certain progressive candidate and I was challenged that the candidate was a "Communist." Well the argument "ound up with some man making the statement to this effect, that COMMUNISM WAS HONORABLE AND IF IT WEREN'T FOR A BELL OF A LOT OF THEM IN RUSSIA HE WOULDN'T BE HERE NOW. (And they kicked the objector out.)

Let me suggest that the Communists declare that Communism is honorable, and have saved the entire world, and that people should find out about it from authorita-

time sources. That proof of the fact is the war against the Soviet Union by Hitler.

M. A. N. (a non-Communist).

Capt. Kournaokoff
Makes a Correction

New York City.
Editor, Daily Worker:

I read with some surprise in last Sunday's Worker a report on the banquet-meeting of the Boston Boot and Shoe Club on March 22 where Prof. Samuel Hazzard Cross of Harvard spoke. Your correspondent called the club a group of "followers of Father Coughlin."

As a matter of fact it so happened that I addressed the club on the same day, following Prof. Cross' speech. After I had spoken for 25 minutes on "Russia today and in the future," the audience of 300 business men and executives of the shoe industry gave me a STANDING ovation lasting well over two minutes.

It is hardly probable, in view of the tenor of my speech, that "followers of Father Coughlin" should have received it in such an enthusiastic way.

SERGEI KOURNAKOFF.

C. P. Recruiting News

How Western Pa. Topped Goal

By Michael Saunders
Administrative Secretary of Western
Pennsylvania-West Virginia District,
Communist Party
(Special to the Daily Worker)

HARRISBURG, Pa., April 5.—The Western Pennsylvania-West Virginia Communist Party Builders Conference held on March 26, recorded the enrollment of 488 new members or 88 per cent of the goal set for May 1st. This enthusiastic gathering of recruiters from every part of the district, in a statement to Earl Browder and the Communist Party National Committee, pledged to fulfill its quota of 550 new members on April 3, and to raise the sights to 700 by May Day. [The District has since achieved 100 per cent in its recruiting goal.]

Many noteworthy achievements were reported to the conference. One hundred five new members were enrolled in the eight days preceding the conference—a new high reached in the campaign. Of the 488 applications analyzed 33 are steel workers, 79 miners, 24 electrical workers and 26 shipyard, railroad and aluminum workers—representing a total of 212 or 43 per cent from basic industries.

47% FROM TRADE UNIONS
A total of 267 or 47 per cent are trade unionists, of which 49 come from the AFL, 114 or 24 per cent are Negro men and women. Forty per cent are women of whom 17 are shopworkers. All in all, these figures represent an appreciable improvement of the composition of our Party.

A fairly accurate estimate indicates that 178 members or 22 per cent of the total membership recruited one or more new members. An equal number, even though they have not yet actually recruited, were involved in the campaign through discussions and helping to prepare recruiting efforts. We can say that about half the membership is participating in the campaign, a higher percentage than in any previous enrollment campaign.

Two comrades especially set an outstanding example. Ben Carethers, Pittsburgh city chairman and Ted Allen, West Virginia state chairman, enrolled 20 and 21 new members respectively. At least 12 members recruited 10 or more entailing them to a free dinner from our friendly rivals in Michigan.

Five of our nine sections have already gone over the top—Northern West Virginia, Southern West Virginia, Allegheny Valley, Beaver County and Washington County which started with a membership of 65 and recruited 81 new members showing a total membership increase of 130 per cent.

RECRUIT MINERS
The majority of those recruited in Washington County are miners. The other sections, while not reaching these high averages, have all done well. Johnston recruited 14 out of 15; East Pittsburgh-McKeesport, 83 out of 100; the 28th Congressional District, 32 out of 80; and the city of Pittsburgh, 140 out of a goal of 200.

The results so far represents a 60 per cent increase in our total membership in the district.

Our experience showed that the most effective recruiting was done at small informal discussions and we proceeded to organize most of our recruiting activities along these lines. We approximate that about 750 people were asked to join the Party—488 of this number did join. We do not know of a single case among those who did not join, of refusal to join due to disagreement with our program.

The special attention given our district by the National Committee was of tremendous help to us. Comrade William Z. Foster, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, A. Landy and Doxey Wilkerson were in the district, and their very direct and practical help was invaluable. The excellent job done by our people among the various national groups was greatly due to the help of Comrade Landy.

In evaluating all our experiences, we feel that we have only scratched the surface. There are still some weaknesses which should be overcome to achieve the maximum results. Almost 50 per cent of our membership is not yet directly involved in the campaign, and our trade unionists particularly, are not sufficiently participating in recruiting. The new members have not been adequately drawn into the work of recruiting. There has been insufficient publicity.

The Builders' Conference outlined plans for overcoming the above weaknesses.

BETWEEN
the LINES

All About France

By JOSEPH STAROBIN

The reorganization of the French Committee of National Liberation, the entry of the Communists and the formation of what is actually a provisional French government brings into focus the impasse of American policy toward France. I am not one of those who hastens to accuse our government of reactionary intentions when its intentions have, as a matter of fact, not been made clear at all. But as in the case of American policy toward Argentina, I think our State Department is at a dead-end.

Its previous policies toward France are played out; the drag of the past holds back the clarification of essential new policies. At such moments the best thing is to help the crystallization of a new policy, instead of either harping on the old one, or in a factional manner.

It's clear that the United States originally pursued a policy toward Vichy as well as de Gaulle's old National Committee based on the thesis that France would not re-emerge as a great power. The basic direction of American policy after 1940 was a subordination of a reactionary France to the United States; politically, that explains cooperation with Vichy; economically, that explains agreements like the Clark-Darlan accord in North Africa, which is only now being revised.

The State Department did not clearly visualize how the war would turn out. The role of the Soviet Union was still obscure, and likewise the role of the French people. In the division of Europe, the French empire in Africa and the Middle East with Great Britain, the United States wanted a free hand toward France.

But all of these perspectives were shattered by several new facts in the world picture: the changed position of the Soviet Union within the coalition, resulting from the tremendous power of the Red Army; secondly, the changing relations inside of the French liberation movement, the rise of the resistance forces in France, the support of the Communists (the strongest factor in the underground) to de Gaulle and the progressive defeat of the Darlanist and Giraudist elements in Algiers.

Thus a new France emerges within the framework of a new relation of the United States, Great Britain and the Soviet Union, as formalized at Moscow and Tehran. Twenty years ago, in the days of Poincaré and Clemenceau, France was strong and under the domination of the Right. Seven years ago, France had swung to the Left, in the Front Populaire, but her foreign policies were weak, and subservient to the British Munichmen. For the first time in modern French history, a strongly democratic France which is at the same time strongly nationalist (in the best sense of the word) is now foreshadowed. This is a phenomenon which neither the State Department nor the British Foreign Office expected.

With their customary flexibility, and impelled by the weakness of their over-all economic position, their desire for support in western Europe against the superior economic position of the United States, the British are prepared to make their peace with a people's France as projected in Tuesday's reorganization. But the United States is at a disadvantage; past policies (or rather past hopes no longer capable of being fulfilled) still stand in the way of a fresh approach. France will not be anyone's vassal; but she wishes to be America's ally. The French people have lived through too much at immense sacrifice to permit their unity and democracy after the war to be undermined from without. And France is proud, to boot.

The United States will have to adjust itself to this reality. And because France is a country where our decisive military effort is about to take place, we cannot afford to bungle, to fool around with an AMG. Already our State Department has made a very important step forward in rejecting faulty rumors that we intend to deal with ex-Vichy men of any kind. It now remains, in consultation with the Soviet Union in particular, for the United States to recognize that a strong, democratic France holds forth the greatest economic opportunities for us. And it is in fraternal alliance with such a France that we can best discharge our responsibilities as a great power in Europe.

The French Committee is admittedly a provisional government. It is ready to accept our fundamental principle of letting the French people determine their eventual form of government after the war. We must then accept the new realities. As the old Pillsbury flour ads used to say: "Eventually—why not now?"

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